

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Harbour Tunnel

WITH his imaginative address to the Rotary Club, Mr Lawrence Kadoorie has brought a new appeal to the harbour tunnel project, and even the most hardened critics of the scheme will find it difficult not to be captivated by his wide vision of future developments in the Colony's road communications.

Hitherto the tendency has been to regard a tunnel as a convenient and rapid way of linking the island and Kowloon for the benefit of vehicles and much of the criticism directed against the project has been based on that narrow conception. Mr Kadoorie has painted a very much broader and enticing canvas.

HOW does he see it? Let us quote some arresting observations. "Literally millions of people would use it (the tunnel) and everyday habits of thousands would be changed. City workers and labourers would be able to reach their destinations and get home again. No question of not getting to the office because No. 7 signal is up. Vegetables and other food supplies would be transported to the Hongkong markets during the night, thus avoiding queuing up for early morning ferries. Hospitals such as Queen Mary and the Matilda would be accessible to Kowloon residents during the night and in typhoon weather. The University would not seem so far distant to students living in outlying districts of Kowloon. The race course, sports stadia and football grounds would be accessible by road to all parts of the Colony. Industrial establishments would be brought in closer contact with their head offices. Shopping districts would be less concentrated. Land values would tend to equalise. The congestion of Wanchai and West Point would gradually give way to suburban living."

THESE are some of the expectations which Mr Kadoorie included in his comprehensive assessment of the value of a harbour tunnel, and if they do not rate as compelling, they are certainly appealing. If a tunnel can and will accomplish all that he anticipates, then an extremely powerful case has been made out for the undertaking.

More down to earth, and therefore possibly inviting closer attention, was his dollar arithmetic by which he sought to show that a tunnel was, from the public's viewpoint, financially feasible. His figures went a long way to confirming our hesitant estimate advanced when Government presented its experts' report. If a tunnel can pay for itself even within 20 years without the capital cost involving additional taxation, then the case for such a new line of communications becomes even stronger.

ONE other constructive suggestion made by Mr Kadoorie merits attention. He conceives additional tunnel outlets linking the eastern and western parts of the island. This may be desirable, but based on the plans drawn up by the experts it would not seem to be practicable. The existing design of the tunnel provides only for two-lane traffic; outlets would require a main tunnel large enough for four lanes. This would probably double the cost.

But if one hesitates to offer unconditional support to Mr Kadoorie's ideas, he wins the community's applause for bringing the harbour tunnel project into new and refreshing perspective.

BUDGET ANGRERS BRITAIN

Two Tory MPs Vote Against Govt TRADERS & INDUSTRIALISTS JOIN IN COMPLAINTS

London, Oct. 26.

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, found himself unpopular tonight on nearly all sides following his autumn budget to make the country slow up on spending.

The motor trade, radio industry, bicycle manufacturers and a horde of other interests deplored the increases in purchase tax as damaging to their trades.

The Engineering Industries Association forecast that the purchase tax changes will provoke a new flood of wage claims.

In the House of Commons the Labour opposition was so angry that it forced a vote right away on the budget resolutions — virtually an immediate attempt to censure the government. Usually voting does not take place till a budget has been fully debated.

But the government had a majority of 87, by 314 votes to 227.

Two Conservative Members of Parliament, Viscount Hinchinbrooke and Major E. A. H. Legge-Bourke voted with the Labour Party and against the government at the end of Mr Butler's speech this evening.

Major Legge-Bourke said later he voted against the government because he objects to any increase in total taxation. Viscount Hinchinbrooke also said later that he felt that it was unwise to increase purchase tax more.

Mr Butler had presented the budget to a tense chamber with the Labour opposition in a sardonic and hostile mood. His speech was interrupted frequently by shouts of "resign" and occasional boos.

Mr Clement Attlee, the Labour leader, described the budget as "absolute hypocrisy." The net effect of all Mr Butler's budgets was that they "hit the small, in particular the middle class man, who supported the Conservative government."

Mr Attlee said Mr Butler was a "most temperamental Chancellor of the Exchequer."

Amid Labour cheers he said: "He was in the depths of gloom in February (when he took his first anti-inflationary measures). He brightened up in April (at the time of the last budget) and is down in the dumps again now."

It was very difficult to find any clear policy whatever. There was no planning in this budget.

Housewives Hit

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is bound to upset housewives because, in his purchase tax proposals, he included a long list of kitchen utensils previously exempt—such as crockery, brushes and brooms, dust bins and paint washbuds, rolling pins and clothes-pegs.

The three rates of purchase tax will now be 30 per cent of the wholesale price of an article, 60 per cent and 90 per cent, where before they were 25, 50 and 75 per cent.

Cars, washing machines, television and radio sets, and refrigerators are all affected. These are the luxuries the British, with booming industry and bigger pay packets, have been snapping up from the shops.

From £390 To £413

The increase will push the price of Britain's cheapest car—the Ford Popular—above the £400 mark. Previously sold at a few shillings over £390, it will now go up to £413.

Today's budget is the most drastic of recent years and it should achieve the Chancellor's objective of removing the overload on the economy and strengthening its foundations.

The most important anti-inflationary device will be the restraint on investment by local authorities—who do a quarter of all the national investment—and by nationalised industries who do much more than another quarter of it.

The increased tax on dividends can only be regarded as a political inducement to the Socialist half of the country to co-operate in the government's efforts to stabilise the economy.

Labour and trade union circles claim that wage demands cannot be restricted while workers see shareholders making higher profits.

In his speech to the House of Commons Mr Butler said the government was determined to restore the balance of the

economy without delay so that the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves—recently dwindling sharply—could be restored. The problems he was trying to solve were not caused by "a slack or enfeebled economy." "We are moving on a tide of vigorous, growing expansion which is outstripping the re-

sources available to maintain its strength," he said.

He said the economy had shown a "distinct improvement" during the last month. The pound had strengthened losses of gold and dollars reserves had been halted and the trade gap between exports and imports narrowed.—Reuter.

Here Are Some Effects Of The Budget

London, Oct. 26.

Some examples of how the budget new purchase tax

squeezes will affect the ordinary man:

A television set which previously sold for £65 including

tax at the old rate will now cost £3 5s more.

A motor car previously costing £700 will go up by about

£40.

A £20 radio set will now cost about £21 and a £17

bicycle will go up by about 10s.

But one result of the altered tax arrangements on

clothing means that some of the more expensive ranges of

clothing will actually cost less, while some of the cheaper

ranges will cost more.

This is a result of the ending of the so-called "D" scheme

under which certain clothing and furnishing items were

taxed on the amount by which their wholesale value exceeded

a fixed "ceiling" coupled with the substitution of lower overall

purchase tax rates.

The new telephone tariff increases mean that the average

subscriber will pay between £1 and £3 for a year for renting

his phone and another 10s on each call he makes.

But the charge for a local call from a public telephone

booth will remain at the pre-budget level of 3d.—China Mail

Special.

The Princess And Townsend

VIEWPOINT EXPRESSED BY METHODIST LEADER

London, Oct. 26. Britain's Methodist leader, commenting on the rumoured romance of Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend, said in a statement today that even if the Princess renounced all claim to the throne to marry the war hero her example would not make it easier to uphold the ideal of Christian marriage.

The Reverend Dr Leslie Weatherhead, President of the Methodist Conference and spokesman for more than one million British Methodists, said that if the Princess' heir should one day come to the throne he would be "doomed to disapproval or worse in the eyes of many of the people of this realm."

The Princess, unperturbed by publicity, attended to the day's work.

OPENS SCHOOL

Smiling and pretty, in a cherry coloured coat, she opened a school for invalid children in Sussex, a school paid for with £10,000 sterling which she and her young friends raised last year with a production of the thriller, "The 39 Steps."

Declaring the school, open she said: "It gives me particular pleasure to know that in some

HAND GRENADES CACHE FOUND

Teheran, Oct. 26.

The government today announced the discovery of a major Communist arms cache 12 kilometres outside the capital.

According to the announcement the cache consisted of 15,000 hand grenades stolen from army stores.

The announcement said the arms were intended for the overthrow of the Government and the installation of a Communist regime.—United Press.

Paratroopers Kill 2 Demonstrators

Agitation For Ex-Sultan

Marrakesh, Oct. 26.

Senegalese paratroopers opened fire here tonight on crowds demonstrating in favour of ex-Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef. According to first reports two people were killed and four injured.

The crowds had gathered to welcome Si Hadj Thami el Glaoui, Pasha of Marrakesh, who yesterday demanded the return to the throne of Ben Youssef hitherto the Pasha's arch enemy.

Most of the Arab population of Marrakesh turned out to greet el Glaoui on his return from Rabat where he announced his dramatic change of heart last night.

Eyewitnesses said disorders began when police injured two demonstrators while trying to disperse one section of the surging crowd.

PROTEST MARCH

About 300 demonstrators set out for the French regional headquarters to protest against alleged police use of violence.

Near the headquarters they clashed with the Senegalese paratroopers who opened fire. Scenes of jubilation were reported today from the Arab quarters of every big town in French Morocco. Most Arabs were convinced that el Glaoui's declaration that he "shared the wish of the Moroccan people to have Ben Youssef back on the throne" meant the collapse of the last Moroccan opposition to the exiled Sultan's return.

ALLIANCE SPLIT

Medhi ben Barka, a leader of the extreme Nationalist Party, said the solution of the Moroccan problems was for the Moroccan people "purely and simply the restoration of Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef."

The chairman of the "French Presence" movement, a French settler who opposes Ben Youssef and the Nationalists, told reporters: "I have no doubt that Ben Youssef will return immediately."

Until last night "French Presence" and el Glaoui were considered allies.—Reuter.

Gun Battle

Taipei, Oct. 26.

Communist and Nationalist Chinese forces fought a five-hour gun battle this morning between Quemoy Island and the mainland, the Nationalist Defence Ministry announced here tonight.

The Ministry said that Communist Chinese guns sent 205 shells on to Quemoy Island. No casualty or damage was reported.

The battle began at 8.30 a.m. (local time), when Communist Chinese guns opened fire. Firing stopped at 1.55 p.m.—France-Press.

Frontier Agreement Ratified

London, Oct. 26.

Britain and Portugal today ratified an agreement simplifying the frontier between the African territories of Portuguese Mozambique and the British territories of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The agreement signed in Lisbon in November last year provided for minor alterations to the frontier and was aimed at settling recent differences over the present line.

Instruments of ratification were exchanged today at Foreign Office ceremony.—Reuter.

BIG 3 MEETING

Geneva, Oct. 27.

The Big Three Western foreign ministers will have a separate meeting at 11 o'clock this morning before the first Big Four session in the afternoon, British sources said.—Reuter.



PASHA EL GLAOU

ITALY WANTS TO BE FIFTH PARTY AT GENEVA

Geneva, Oct. 26.

The explosive Middle East situation cast its shadow over the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference tonight and Italy announced that she wanted to be a "fifth party" if the Mediterranean crisis were discussed. Ambassador Renato Sogno, special observer of the Italian government to the Big Four meeting here, told Italian newsmen that Italy wanted a "fifth big power role" in any discussion of the Middle East situation.

He said the West "could not organise peace throughout the world if it were not able in the meantime to find means to eliminate the causes of conflict which weaken and paralyse the action (of the West)." "When there are any talks about the Mediterranean, it is impossible to consider this (problem) without the presence of the fifth big power—Italy," he said.

Big Four Talks: Molotov Makes A Promise

Geneva, Oct. 26.

Mr V. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, who arrived in Geneva today for tomorrow's Big Four foreign ministers' talks, smilingly promised that Russia would do her part in the search for "agreed solutions" and an end to the cold war.

He said the "Geneva spirit" meant the strengthening of peace, and declared "we expect of the conference every effort to seek solutions to the questions which worry us all."

Mr Molotov was followed by Mr Harold Macmillan, Britain's Foreign Secretary, and Mr Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State. Mr Pinay, France's Foreign Minister, who is travelling by train from Paris, is due in Geneva shortly after midnight.

Mr Macmillan said on arrival: "I trust the work we shall do together will be fruitful in the cause of peace and in the settlement of the many difficult problems which beset Europe."

"We have the chance of doing good work together and I pray that under providence we may succeed."

Mr Dulles said at the airport: "The United States delegation will seek with necessary consultation to achieve the constructive elements of a just and durable peace sought by the earlier conference of the heads of government."

Happy Memories

He said Geneva had many happy memories for him, and "The spirit of Geneva has become identified with the hopes of all the world."

"In that spirit the four foreign ministers will meet and seek to carry out the directives given by the four heads of government when they met here last July."

"Those directives in the first instance deal with the closely linked subjects of unification of Germany and European security."

"The four foreign ministers will meet in the Council Chamber of the Palace of Nations, where their heads of government last July laid the foundations for negotiations to end nearly a decade of tension between the two world blocs."

Big Task Ahead

Before them lies the task of proposing "effective means" of solving the problems of European security and German reunification, world disarmament and the development of East-West contacts to break down the "iron curtain."

"But Western diplomats believe the negotiations on this agenda drawn up by the heads of government will be overshadowed by the ministers' private discussion on the new trials in the Middle East provoked by Russia's campaign to woo the Arab states."

In the Big Four talks the West will propose to Russia a phased programme of negotiations, culminating in the simultaneous conclusion of an East-West security alliance and the reunification of Germany through free elections.

Only when Germany was reunited would the treaty come into operation—and Germany (Contd. on back page, Oct. 3)

Britain May Supply China With Galvanised Sheets

London, Oct. 26.

A government spokesman indicated tonight that Britain would allow British firms to export galvanised iron sheets to China in "exceptional circumstances."

A Liberal Peer, Lord Ellbank, had asked in the House of Lords whether the government knew of the contract in September between Japanese steel manufacturers and China. Under this, he said, Japanese manufacturers were to export galvanised steel sheets in part exchange for Kailash coal.

Japan was importing this coking coal at about one third of the price, including freight, of United States coal, with the resulting effect on the price of Japanese steel, he said.

He asked if British firms would be allowed to apply for permission to export galvanised steel to China.

Lord Mancroft, Home Under-Secretary replied: "I think I can say that in exceptional circumstances the government would be prepared to consider sympathetically applications by United Kingdom firms to export galvanised iron sheets to China."

Lord Ellbank had earlier urged the government to ask the United Nations to rescind its 1951 resolution imposing an embargo on the export of strategic goods to China. This, he said, was put on solely in relation to the Korean war.—Reuter.

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Move To Topple Faure

CENSURE MOTION CONDEMNING N. AFRICA POLICY

Paris, Oct. 26. Premier Edgar Faure tonight faced a left-wing move to topple his government before the French Parliament can vote on his request for new general elections five or six weeks from now.

The opposition Socialist Party presented a motion of censure, sweepingly condemning the Faure government as "incapable of coping with the difficulties of the moment, ending the conflicts in North Africa and promoting a bold programme of economic and social expansion."

The Socialist, in an obvious bid for broad parliamentary support for their motion, struck out a phrase which would have included a condemnation of the centre and right-wing majority which voted the Premier into office last February.

The elimination of these words, which appeared in the original draft of the motion presented by the Socialist former Minister, M. Christian Pineau, was approved by two-thirds of the Socialist parliamentary group.

General Policy

The Socialist motion was presented to the Assembly debated general government policy, with the emphasis on North African and economic affairs. The discussion centred around Socialist and Communist questions on government plans for financing military expenses in North Africa.

The questions were submitted by Pineau and veteran Communist leader Jacques Duclos.

Premier Faure has been authorised by his Cabinet to request a vote of confidence at any time during the present debate.

The general policy debate forestalled immediate discussion of the government request to call for general elections next December 4 or December 11, instead of June, 1956, when the Assembly's normal five-year term runs out. If Parliament

approves the government plan, the newly elected Assembly will convene in January.

Many Deputies, both in and outside Faure's parliamentary majority, are seeking a change in the election system which prevailed during the last general elections in 1951. — France-Press.

KOTELAWALA IN AUSTRALIA

Common Heritage Of Institutions

Perth, Australia, Oct. 26. Friendship between Ceylon and Australia had been built up by a common heritage of democratic institutions, Ceylon's Premier, Sir John Kotelawala, said upon his arrival here tonight.

"We in Ceylon are very conscious of the friendly relationship existing between Ceylon and Australia," said Sir John.

Mossadeq Prepares Medical Thesis

Teheran, Oct. 26. Former Prime Minister of Iran, Mohammed Mossadeq, in prison since December, 1953 for conspiracy against the state, is preparing a medical thesis while in captivity under the direction of his son, Gholam Hossein Mossadeq, a celebrated gynaecologist, it was learned today.

The Imperial Attorney, General Hassan Azmoudcheh, today denied rumours that the Shah has planned to grant Mossadeq's release from prison on medical grounds. He said Mossadeq's dossier was still being considered by a Court of Appeal. But the former premier was receiving a prison routine much less strict than hitherto.

Brought Books

He said Mossadeq received visits from members of his family and close friends, who brought him books—both Iranian and foreign.

Mossadeq, whose adversaries accuse him of being a "professional invalid", was sentenced to three years' imprisonment on December 21, 1953.

The Imperial Attorney announced that 14 of the senior army officers imprisoned last year for their part in the conspiracy, would be released tomorrow on the occasion of the Shah's 36th birthday. — France-Press.

Maid Marian—New Style



Robin Hood never knew a Maid Marian like this in Sherwood Forest, but 21-year-old Jinx Clark will be playing the role in "Babes in the Wood" on ice when it opens at Wembley on December 15. Jinx, who has the same bust measurements as Jane Russell, was recently nominated from the 400 ice skaters in America as the "girl with the sexiest figure and voice on skates." Robin Hood is to be played in the Wembley ice panty by world ice skating champion Jacques Line du Bief. — Reuterphoto.

Women Taught To Shop

London, Oct. 26. British women are to be taught how to shop.

The British Standards Institution has discovered that most of them buy goods by the price label. They have no idea, and ask no questions about quality and staying power.

The Institution, which aims at standardisation of engineering and industrial goods, will teach women from all over Britain how to judge denim and gauge in nylons, how to tell wool from rayon, and how to know the difference between cotton and linen glass-cloths.

These are some of the things a recent test among 100 provincial women showed up. The women know a boiling fowl from a roaster, most could tell butter from margarine and real cream from synthetic. But when it came to testing the woolies they buy for their husbands, they knew next to nothing, the Institution reported.

They will teach the women what is right and what is wrong in textiles, writing paper, and kitchen utensils, in a series of nation-wide tests. — China Mail Special.

KHRUSHCHEV RECEIVES U NU

Moscow, Oct. 26. Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, today received Premier U Nu of Burma at Yalta, in the Crimea. U Nu had arrived in the Black Sea resort today after a flight from Leningrad. First Vice-Premier Anastas Mikoyan was also present at the meeting. Mr. Khrushchev later gave a dinner for the Burmese Premier. — France-Press.

Common Free Market For Europe

Paris, Oct. 26. A common free market is an economic necessity for the future of Europe, Mr. Warren Leo Plesner, President of the International Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement published today.

Mr. Plesner, an American, called on the foreign ministers of the six member nations of the European Coal and Steel Community to take definite steps toward forming a free market at their next meeting, scheduled for early December. Mr. Plesner said the establishment of a common free market between the coal-steel pool countries would be a "stepping-stone" to a wider European market. Mr. Plesner said: "Whatever may be the position politically, the unification of six, seven or as many European countries as are willing to participate is an economic necessity for the future of Europe. — France-Press."

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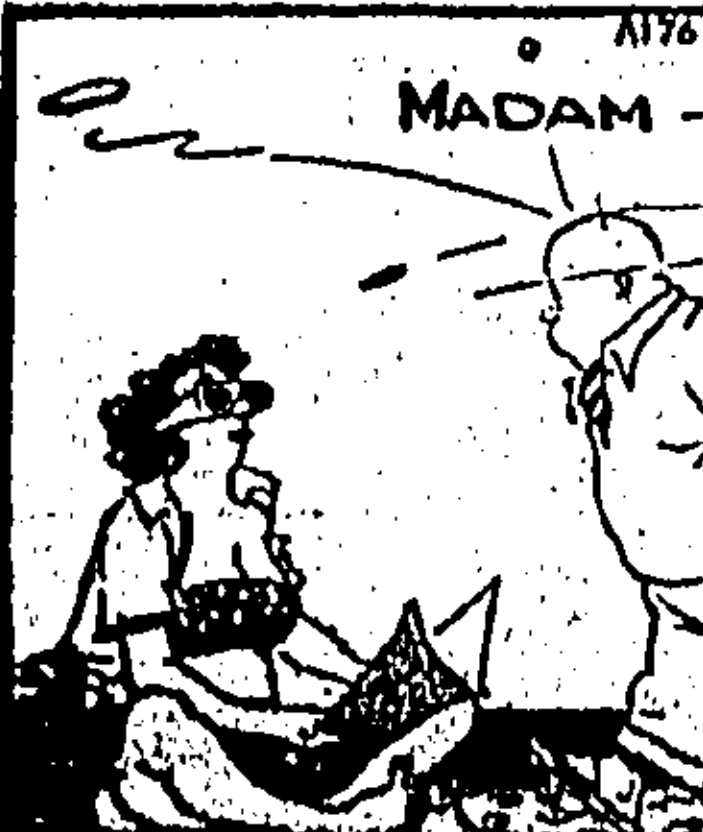
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Dangerous Middle East Situation

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SILKY GIFTS

Tokyo, Oct. 26. The spokesman of Japan's Central Silk Reelers Association announced today that the association will send 20,000 cases of sample silk goods free to the United States as educational material in American high schools.

He said the export is aimed at giving American youth correct understanding of silk goods made in Japan.

Each case contains samples of cocoon, raw silk and silk textiles accompanied by an 18-page pamphlet describing how silk is made and how it is used. —China Mail Special.

Plastic Grafting Discoveries

Paris, Oct. 26. Leading French scientists today disclosed sensational new discoveries they have made by treating plastics with radioactive substances.

Most specimens of the new processes, to the making of two known plastics into a third, completely new plastic, by treating them with cobalt 60.

The new materials so formed have entirely new properties and are sometimes as much as ten times larger and 42 times heavier than the combined "raw" materials. They also have increased powers of resistance to heat and other influences.

This opens up a completely new future for synthetic materials such as nylon, terylene and others.

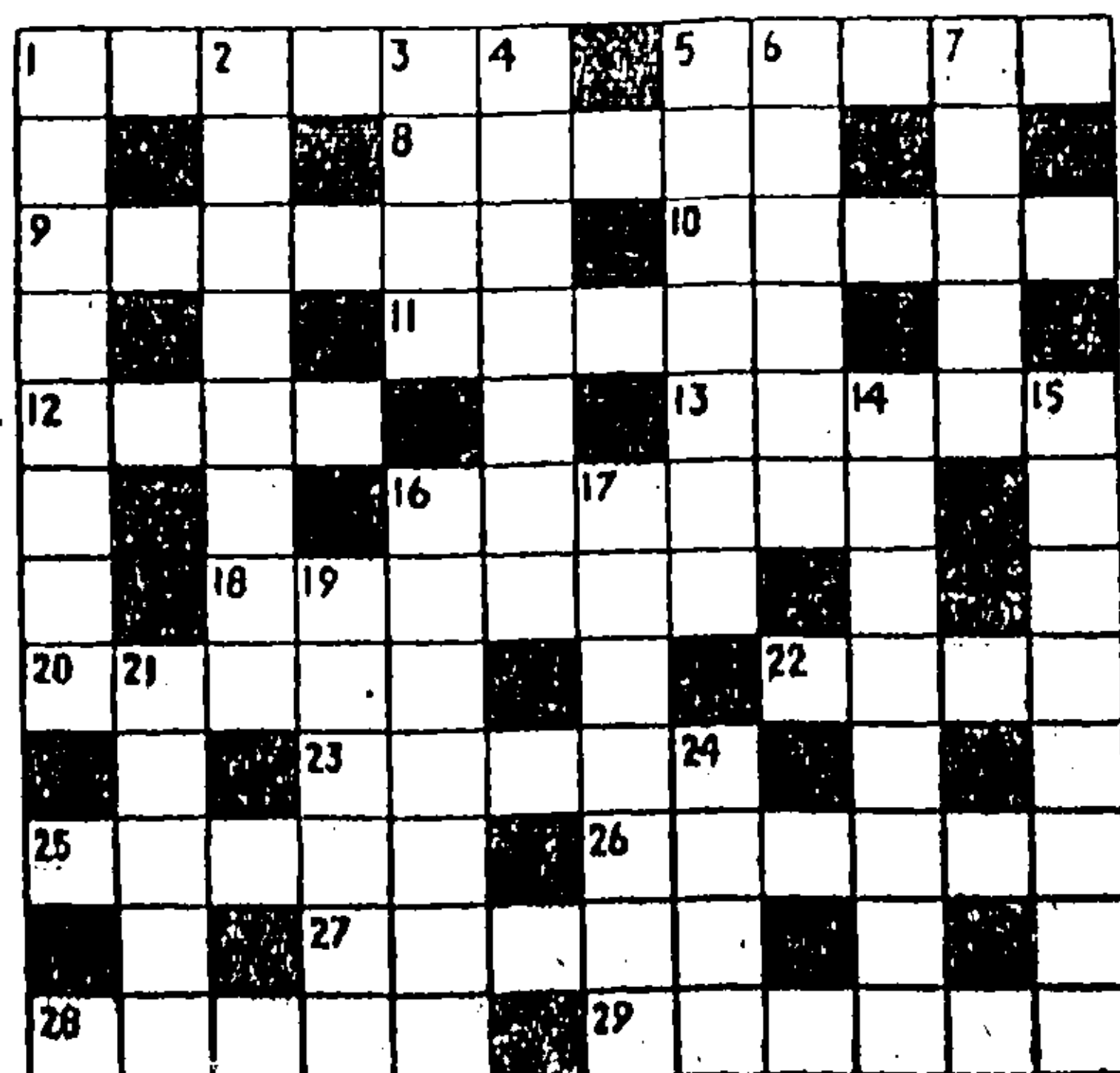
Living Tissues

The scientists believe the discoveries may also have important implications for medicine. Plastics are in many respects like living tissues, and if methods can be discovered for making them resistant to radioactivity, it may be possible to apply these techniques to the protection of living cells.

News of this discovery was released today at a meeting of French scientists called by the French Council for advanced research.

The meeting took the form of a visit to the laboratories of the Faculty of Science of the University of Paris, where a team of research workers, headed by Professor Michel Margat, has been experimenting with cobalt 60 radiations. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Astute (6).
 - 5 Stupid (5).
 - 8 Insurgent (5).
 - 9 Material (6).
 - 10 Last (5).
 - 11 Subject (5).
 - 12 Lounge (4).
 - 13 Beverage (5).
 - 18 Repeat from memory (6).
 - 19 Crockery (6).
 - 20 Consume (6).
 - 22 Lake (4).
 - 23 Colour (5).
 - 25 Musical work (5).
 - 26 Conundrum (6).
 - 27 Come in (6).
 - 28 Swift (5).
 - 29 Hidden (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Pieces of embroidery (8).
 - 2 Determined (5).
 - 3 Legal document (4).
 - 4 Significant (7).
 - 5 Amount short (7).
 - 6 Bring to light (6).
 - 7 Condition (5).
 - 14 Protector (8).
 - 15 Devout (8).
 - 16 Beaming (7).
 - 17 Middle portions (7).
 - 18 Freedom of access (6).
 - 21 Scholar (6).
 - 24 Ancestor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Aged, 7 Dozan, 8 Iron, 9 Nolo, 10 Pleases, 12 Spar, 15 Toast, 18 Pert, 19 Impel, 21 Cheat, 22 Area, 23 Saved, 24 Bolo, 25 Diddies, 30 Lead, 31 Iolo, 32 Merit, 33 Neils. Down: 1 Folly, 2 Rejoice, 4 Gless, 5 Dies, 6 Coma, 9 Nept, 11 Sorts, 12 Rups, 14 Rolo, 15 Tires, 17 Seal, 18 Penl, 20 Meddles, 22 Avid, 24 Adult, 25 Retch, 27 Aged, 28 Pann.

New York, Oct. 26. Israel's Minister of Development warned today that if the Western Powers are anxious to avoid a war in the Middle East, Israel must be supplied with an arms balance with Egypt.

In one of the bluntest declarations made so far on the new flare up of hostilities in the Middle East, Dr Dov Joseph said Israel will be forced to make "grave decisions" unless it gets the equivalent in arms that Egypt is getting from Czechoslovakia.

He named this sum as about \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

"There is only one way to make sure no war will occur," Dr Joseph said. "We must have an arms balance with Egypt and other Arab states by the Soviet bloc."

More Serious

Dr Joseph, who is in the United States seeking support for Israel bonds, said, "We will not cede one inch of land that is ours."

Any official of the United States or British foreign service who thinks Israel will be bullied into relinquishing territory is heading for the Middle East for disaster.

He termed the situation "more serious than what one may imagine."

Dr Joseph left open the possibility that Israel would accept arms from the Soviet "if we can get them from no other source."

"We would prefer to get arms from where we have been getting them—the United States, England and France."

He said Israel since its inauguration as a state has received no arms from the Soviets.

Dictatorship

Dr Joseph accused the Western Powers of supporting a "sort of dictatorship" in their dealings with the Egyptian Government.

"Who is it who is refusing to let down and talk peace?" he said.

Dr Joseph also is in the United States to interest American and Canadian capital in investing in the country's oil development programme.

He said he had been approached "by a couple of Oklahoma" before he left Israel and "will see some businessmen here."

Mortars & Machineguns In Action

Jerusalem, Oct. 26. EGYPTIAN soldiers took up positions 200 metres inside the demilitarized zone of El Auja inside Israeli territory for a brief spell this morning, the United Nations truce observer headquarters here reported.

An Israeli source, the UN said, Egyptian troops attacked an Israeli post in the zone this morning, wounding four occupants and abducting two more.

A preliminary report by UN observers on the spot said the Egyptians opened machinegun fire on the Israeli post at 4 a.m. and followed up with mortar fire before Israeli aircraft arrived on the scene. The fire lasted half an hour, when two Israeli light bombers flew over the area.

The Egyptians had left the Israeli post. The Egyptian position 200 metres inside the zone was then evacuated at 11.30 a.m.

The report said further that at 12.35 p.m. five Egyptians were observed inside the zone digging a position. An hour later, Israeli heavy machinegun fire was reported, as well as two mortar shells.

The United Nations here said its observers on the spot were trying to prevent further incidents.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said today he deplored the "impression" given by the United Nations Truce Commission communiqué dealing with the incident which occurred in the demilitarized zone of Nizan this morning.

The spokesman said the communiqué gave the impression that Egypt and Israel were equally responsible for the incident, in which four Israeli police were reported to have been wounded and two others missing.

The spokesman said: "The Egyptian attack was obviously provocative." —United Press and France-Press.

Cockcroft Urges Continued U.S. Co-operation

New York, Oct. 26. Sir John Cockcroft, Britain's atomic research director, was warmly applauded today by delegates from 13 nations when he urged continued co-operation between Britain and the United States in developing peaceful uses of atomic energy.

At a meeting held by the National Industrial Conference Board he reviewed the work of the Geneva "atoms for peace" conference in August and ended by expressing Britain's thanks for American help in developing its atomic programmes.



Water & Soil Conservation In Shensi

Paris, Oct. 26. Measures for water and soil conservation in co-ordination with the plan for the harnessing of the Yellow River were worked out in Shensi Province, Northwest China, at a session of the Provincial People's Congress concluded at Shan last week, the New China news agency said tonight.

As part of the Province's five year plan to develop its economy, the measures provide for the afforestation and enclosure for the natural growth of forests of 180,000 hectares of land, the construction of four reservoirs and other similar projects, such as soil deposition, dams and check dams.

The proposed measures, when carried through, would considerably contribute to the harnessing of the river and ensure the increase of local crop yields, the agency added. —France-Press.

Electric Strike

Pittsburgh, Oct. 26. Independent United Electric Workers commenced a strike at the Westinghouse Electric Works here today.

Some 70,000 workers were idle following failure to settle wage contract dispute. —China Mail Special.

"I hope we have also been able to contribute to the United States programme," he added. "I hope this collaboration may continue."

An American biologist urged continued research to learn the precise effects of radiation upon heredity to make the atomic age safe for present and future generations.

There were many opinions on radiation effects but no fully definitive answers yet, the biologist, Dr B. P. Sonnenblick, told the conference.

Dose Not Known

The dose of radiation that would seriously affect the human population, was not known, he said. "Thus it is with the influence of genetic changes on individuals that we ought to be concerned."

Exposure to radiation might produce some superior human beings by altering genes—the carriers of heredity—for the better, he said. But the bigger chance was that most genetic changes would be harmful leading to diminished fitness, vigour and length of life.

"So-called 'alarmist' views concerning radiation may be considered as over-statements but we should always remember that they may eventually be found to have had a sound basis," Dr Sonnenblick said. —China Mail Special.

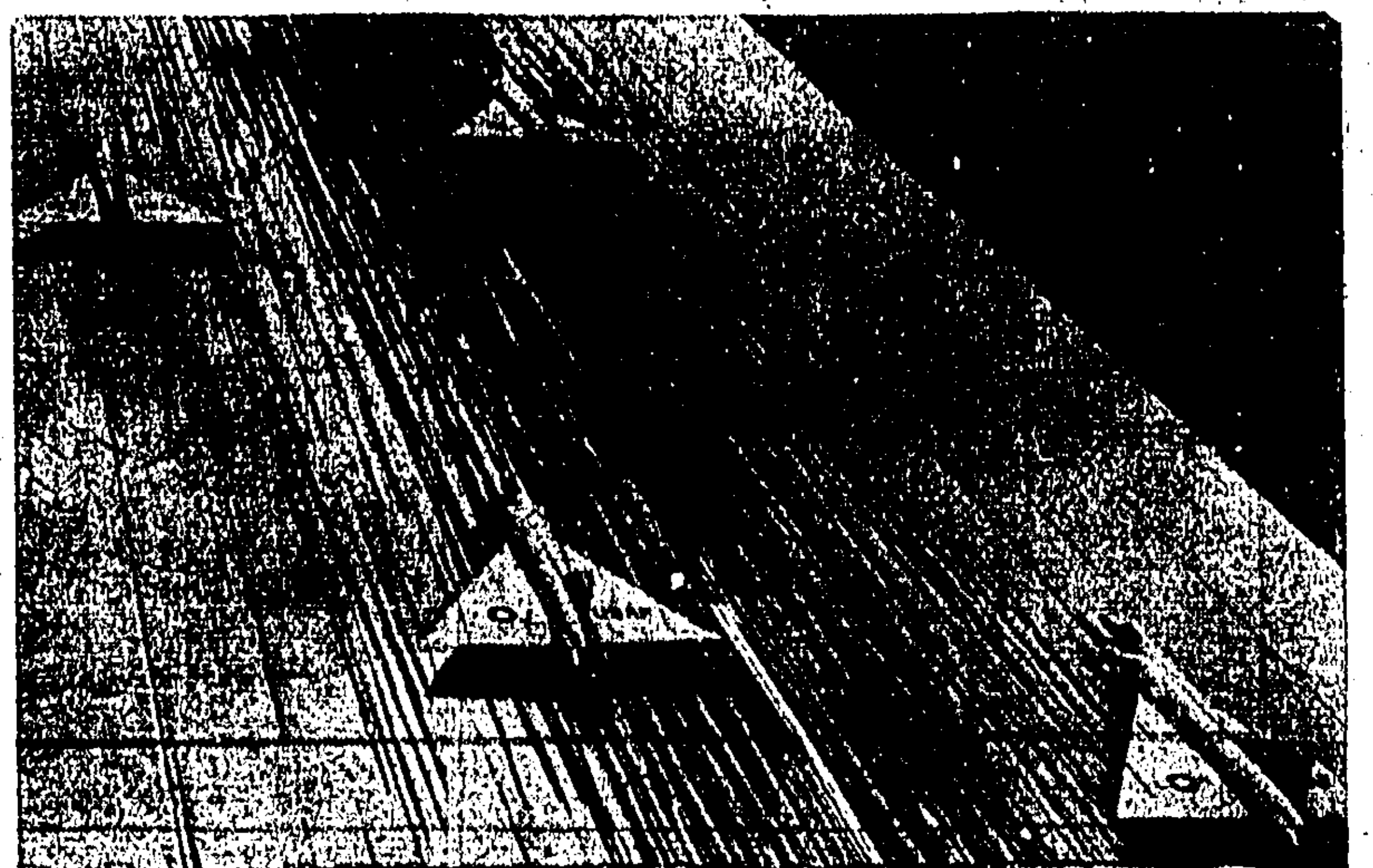
British Firm To Mine Burma Coal

London, Oct. 26. Messrs Port, Duffryn, the British firm of engineers, have been engaged by the Burmese Government to pioneer coal mining in the country, says a message from Rangoon.

Exploration and drilling in the area of Kalewa have revealed a large enough to produce 300,000 tons of coal a year for at least 30 years.

Burma, which normally imports between 250,000 to 300,000 tons of coal annually from India, has never produced coal before.

Messrs Powell Duffryn will be responsible for designing and installing equipment, paying the wages, and maintaining the mine and its output will be sold to the Government. —China Mail Special.



Four US Convair F-102A all-weather jet interceptors speed down the runway at Palmdale air base, California—or do they? Truth is this picture was taken a split-second before take-off. Illusion of speed comes from wasp-waist streamlining of machines and the multitude of streaks left on the runway by aircraft landing at this Mojave Desert base. Man, how fast can you get!—Express Photo.

DULLES VISITING TITO Counter To Russian Leaders' Charm

Washington, Oct. 26. US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles's visit to Marshal Tito during the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference is aimed at countering stepped-up Soviet efforts to woo Yugoslavia.

Soviet-Yugoslav relations have improved steadily ever since Russian Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev visited Belgrade earlier this year. The two Soviet leaders turned on full charm during the visit and cemented relations which had been broken from 1948 to 1954.

The United States has been keeping a keen eye on the move toward Yugoslavia since then to make sure Marshal Tito is not getting too friendly with Russia. The Yugoslav, lined up with Russia on such matters as plans for setting up President Eisenhower's atomic-for-peace agency and on the issue of colonialism. —United Press.

Rome, Oct. 26. The cultural agreement signed by Japan and Italy in Tokyo was ratified here tonight by the Italian parliament.

It was ratified by 301 votes to 173. —France-Press.

The announcement said Mr Dulles, who has never been in Yugoslavia or met Marshal Tito, will talk over "problems of current interest." But it did not spell these out.

On the whole, there are no "crisis" problems between the two nations that need solving at the moment, however, Deputy Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy, a top State Department troubleshooter, made a visit to Belgrade just three weeks ago in which he was reported to have cleaned up such problems.

It appeared that Mr Dulles wanted to put his theory of "personal diplomacy" to work to counter the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit of last spring. Yugoslavia has long been the object of an East-West tug-of-war and Mr Dulles apparently wants to get in a good tug for the West while he is in the act.

The Belgrade radio said the impending visit by Mr Dulles will be a "significant" factor in further friendship between the two nations.

One recent development which may be troubling Mr

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DOSTOEVSKY COMES OUT OF DISGRACE

By WALTER KOLARZ

RECENTLY the Soviet regime has been paying greater attention to the memory and works of the great Russian writer, Fedor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky, who, with short interruptions, has been in semi-disgrace since the October Revolution of 1917.

The State Publishing House of Literature (Goslitizdat) has announced that a ten-volume edition of Dostoevsky's works is to be published in 1956. It will not be a complete edition and it will certainly not include Dostoevsky's "Diary of a Writer," which reflects the true philosophical and political views of the great Russian.

It will also be interesting to see whether Goslitizdat will reprint "The Possessed," the novel which the Communists have always heartily disliked because of its devastating condemnation of Russian revolutionary extremism.

In spite of all these omissions the new ten-volume edition will be a new departure and most welcome to all Dostoevsky admirers, both in Russia and abroad. Only once in the many years of Soviet rule have Dostoevsky's works been published. This was during the

comparatively liberal days of Rykov's Government in the 1920s. And even this complete edition of Dostoevsky did not include the fourth volume of his letters, although it was ready for print. Since then, only one-volume editions of Dostoevsky's work have been published.

A few days after the announcement of the new Dostoevsky edition, the Literary Gazette disclosed that the Dostoevsky Museum in Moscow is to be enlarged and re-organised. This museum has been rather neglected up to now. It is situated in a wing of a former municipal hospital in North Moscow, where Dostoevsky used to work as a doctor.

Reorientation

The whole museum will be thoroughly repaired and the exhibits will be rearranged. These include photographs of Dostoevsky's relations, sketches of places where the writer lived and worked, proofs of his novels and letters he wrote to famous contemporaries.

Literary Gazette tells us that the reorganisation of the museum was decided on by the Moscow Soviet in connection with the 75th anniversary of the death of Dostoevsky in

February 1956. This may well be the case. However, the Soviet authorities could have honoured Dostoevsky much earlier had they wanted to do so—for instance, in connection with the 50th anniversary of his death in 1931, or more recently by marking the 70th anniversary of his death in 1951.

So it seems that there are other factors which make an official reorientation towards Dostoevsky imperative. One of them is the tremendous interest which people of all over the world are showing in that great figure of Russian literature. Of course, this interest has been of long standing, but so long as Russia pursued a policy of cultural isolation she could afford to ignore the feelings of non-Communist foreigners. She no longer can now, when tourists of other countries are coming to the USSR in increasing numbers and when many of them inquire how their favourite Russian author is honoured and regarded in the country of his birth.

Soviet visitors to Britain, France and other Western countries are usually faced with the same awkward questions about Dostoevsky, particularly when talking to intellectuals. In fact, Dostoevsky's popularity in the West has frequently been noted in

travelogues which Soviet "delegates" have written for Russian newspapers and periodicals after their return home.

Originally they commented on it with a mixture of astonishment, irony and dismay. But their attitude has changed recently. Now they say that people in the West do not appreciate the real Dostoevsky properly and that they fail to understand his true message.

Characteristic

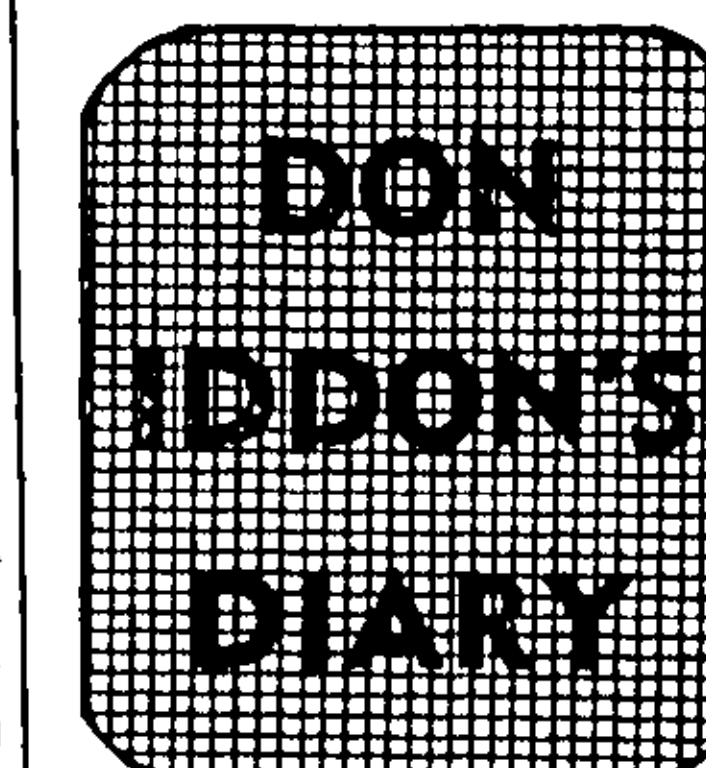
The attitude of two Soviet students who broadcast over Moscow Radio about their travels in England was characteristic in this respect. They stated, not without some satisfaction, that the work of Dostoevsky was highly appreciated in England and that long articles about him appeared in the press. However, said the Soviet students, the English focused their attention on Dostoevsky's portrayal of the inner-world of man and ignored the most powerful aspect of his work—the exposure of the injustices of the capitalist regime.

As Soviet propaganda cannot eliminate Dostoevsky it distorts him. The same thing has been done before. During the war, Dostoevsky was, as it were, allowed to return from semi-banishment to improve morale in the Soviet rear. His anti-German statements, a very insignificant by-product of his work, were dug out and given the widest publicity. And now "Dostoevsky who denounced the German danger" becomes "Dostoevsky who exposed capitalism."

Hunger

Naturally, Dostoevsky's memory has not been revived, only, and probably not even primarily, to please the foreigners. In Russia itself there is a great, and so far unsatisfied, demand for the works of the great thinker and writer whose work is so different from the world of Communism, and who, more than anyone else, has looked into the depth of the Russian soul.

So the republication of Dostoevsky's works becomes one of the minor concessions by which the Soviet rulers are trying to satisfy the growing intellectual and spiritual hunger of their subjects.



New York, Tuesday. MORE words are being printed here about Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend than are even being published in Britain.

The total American wordage is greater than the British because the Americans have acres of newspaper, and their multipage magazines have been carrying long "authoritative" articles on the "royal romance" for months.

The interest or absorption of the Americans in the Princess is immense. They claim her almost as their own.

When, the other day, a giant headline read: "Margaret Arrives" on the front page of the New York Daily News women queued to grab copies. They thought that Princess Margaret had arrived in New York—not in London.

And what a sensation that will be when the Princess finally makes a visit to the United States.

Most glamorous

SHE is considered here to be the world's most glamorous lady.

Professor Max Lerner says: "While the trappings are royal the real theme of the Margaret story is the search for happiness. In that sense it is as much an American as an English story."

Reading the American newspapers and magazines the Russians must despair of ever driving a real wedge between the British and the Americans.

IN AMERICA: THERE'S ONLY ONE TOPIC TODAY

The hearts of two great democracies — one a kingdom, one a republic — beat in complete accord over this royal story.

The members of the British Royal Family never need identification in American print.

On a more prosaic level there have been grumblings in the American Press about the information and facilities extended to correspondents by the Palace authorities.

The New York Times says: "While the 'Press' authorities at Buckingham Palace have plunged their heads into the sands of silence, refusing any comment, or even background guidance to the responsible elements of public opinion — British and foreign — rumour and sensationalism have attended the Princess, and the man she evidently loves."

Co-operation

PERHAPS the Press arrangements in the Palace should be overhauled and modernised. It might be an idea if the royal Press secretaries had regular Press conferences with open questions and answers.

The concealment that has gone on is mainly responsible for the inaccuracies and distortions which have appeared in print and on the air.

On the Royal Tour of Canada one of the reasons for the great success of the then Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh was the co-operation of Colonel Martin Charteris, Private Secretary to the Princess, and Commander Michael Parker, Secretary to the Duke.

No, all the royal secretaries and advisers are not endowed with the ability to get along with the Press. Often the Court officials regard Press representatives as intruders.

They do not seem to realise that without the Press the royal story could not be told to millions of people all over the world.

Several American editors and correspondents think that the Palace authorities could have handled the story of the Princess and Group Captain Townsend with greater skill and surer touch. I agree with them.

Scramble goes on

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S recovery is now so impressive that he is making little news compared to Princess Margaret or the cruel weather.

The hard-hearted professionals of the Republican Party are still exercising pressure wherever they can in the hope that the President can be persuaded to run for a second term.

They have coined the heartless slogan "If he can walk he can run." This refers to the doctor's statement that the President might soon be able to walk a few paces.

The slogan has angered Mrs Eisenhower and the President's family. Mrs Eisenhower has never had much time for politics or politicians, and now she has even less.

The scramble for power, of course, gets more intense each week, but Mr Adlai Stevenson, the titular head of the Democratic Party, at least is behaving without excess.

He has refused to be bitter about the defection of Governor Averell Harriman.

A gentle man

ADLAI STEVENSON is a gentle man—too intellectual perhaps for the mass public that likes the gestures of the actor, the toothpaste smile, the backslapping extrovert.

Stevenson is acridulous about the Republicans. He says: "I have been appalled by the drastic swings from one extreme to another in the conduct of our foreign policy. . . . just think of the grandiloquent foolishness of those phrases—"

unleashing Chiang Kai-shek, massive retaliation, agonising reappraisal, liberation, and so forth. Then think of the total reversal in the past few months. Bluff and back-down, optimism and pessimism, tough talk and love feasts in bewildering succession."

You will see that Mr Stevenson has not lost his special eloquence.

Since the announcement that Pan-American Airways is buying 45 jet transports at a cost of \$200,000,000 everyone connected with the United States aviation industry has demonstrated spectacular showmanship.

There are whole-page advertisements: "America continues its leadership in commercial aviation with trans-oceanic jet airliners. Pan-American, Boeing, Douglas, Pratt and Whitney aircraft establish new jet transport age."

I grieve me when I think of the Comet, when I think of the long lead we had established in jets. Where did we go wrong? Have we thrown away our opportunity? Do we now lag behind the Americans?

Our stars shine

THE British are now adding a new lustre to Broadway. Ann Todd flies to England soon after a magnificent television performance in "The Black Wings" with Wendell Corey. Miss Todd, whom I have never met before, asked me over for a drink, but she didn't want to talk about herself, she wanted to talk about journalism. She returns in a month's time to co-star here with Robert Morley.

Joyce Grenfell has established herself as one of cinema's happiest personalities. She is packing the Bijou Theatre with a genuine hit. Americans are proudly recalling that her mother was one of the famous Langhorne beauties of Virginia, one of the original models for Charles Dana Gibson's "Gibson Girl."

Tied down

LEO GENN and his wife, Maggie, flew in on their way to Mexico and asked me over to the Plaza. Frederick Knott, who wrote "Dial M for Murder" and Ivan Foxwell, one of our best producers, were with the Genns.

Leo is toying with the idea of doing another play on Broadway, although he is tied down with film commitments. He probably possesses the best speaking voice in show business.

Elizabeth Taylor, plume to be back on the set of "Giant" within a few days despite her recurrent illnesses. Her doctor says she is now fit again. Her husband, Michael Wilding, is expecting his 82-year-old father in Hollywood where he would like to spend the rest of his life.

Those advertisements publicising James Dean as the "sensational star" are still appearing although the boy has been dead for nearly four weeks. They say in Hollywood: "If you want to live longer—live in California. If you want to stay alive longer—live in New York."

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HAPPY TIME IN SWITZERLAND

From ERNEST ASHWICK

CHURCH bells pealed Geneva last week as a dark brown sticky fluid started to pour from a thousand presses.

The wine harvest had begun. And, dependant on its quality and the quantity, hundreds of thousands of hard-working Swiss will be well-off or poor for the next twelve months.

Expected production of wine this year is 10,000,000 gallons. The first verdict, based on the sugar content and the amount (pure pressed juice) is that 1955 will be a good year—a vintage to be savoured with respect ten years hence.

For it is not all fun and gain. One-third of the money derived from his wine is spent on tending the vineyards. Fertilisers must be bought and wages paid to the hands who work the year around. Then there is the small army of harvesters to be hired. And after a few weeks before the harvest starts, hail will tear the vines to shreds.

Even the local pastor, who rings the church bell daily at half past eleven to warn the workers that it is time to go home for lunch, knows that the collection plate will be full or empty according to the quality of the wine.

And all the year in these little villages, marked by the tiny hillside church and the local cafe, the people pray for a good season, full of sunshine.

Switzerland exports only a small fraction of its harvest, with the United States, its biggest client, taking just under 60,000 gallons.

Each year over a million gallons is surplus, and remains unsold as wine. It goes to Belgium and Czechoslovakia at government subsidised prices to distil into alcohol or make into a local "champagne type".

But for today the wine grower forgets about these things. The juice is flowing fast. All are permitted to take a glassful as it flows like a hillside spring from the mighty presses.

In a nearby cauldron tasty hams, hung in the cellars for months, are boiling merrily. All is ready for the feast that follows the last drip, pumped into the 1,000-gallon vats to ferment and turn into the wine which enables the little communities to live.

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Gordon Pirie Hates To Admit Defeat, Let Alone Failure

Over a bedroom mantelpiece in a Coulsdon, Surrey, semi-detached house, stands a coloured framed photograph of a famous athlete. It has been there for a long time. But today, that photograph has a greater significance.

For it is of Emil Zatopek, his proud owner is Gordon Pirie, the man who has taken a step nearer to realising a dream by bringing his victory toll over the amazing Czech to 3-1 this season.

Pirie's dream is to take over from Zatopek as the world's greatest distance runner. His first victory over the Czech was in Prague last month when Gordon won over 5,000 Metres only to be beaten in the 10,000 metres.

With the score at one-all, the battle scene was on October 12 transferred to London's White City Stadium. There Pirie took the score to 2-1 with a fine victory in the 10,000 Metres. Pirie secured his final triumph over 4,000 Metres in Manchester three days later.

Pirie is 23, Zatopek 10 years his senior. Pirie has almost reached his peak. Zatopek, nearing the end of his fantastic career, plans to retire after the Melbourne Olympic Games next year.

NOT SO GREAT
Add to these facts Zatopek's world record time of 20 mins

54.2 secs for the 10,000 Metres against Pirie's best ever time of 29 mins, 17.2 secs over this distance, and you might feel that Pirie's achievement was not so great.

But then Zatopek is still World Champion. And when in Prague the two met for the second time in two days, it was Pirie who tired and lost.

But only once in the Pirie career, has the Croydon Puff been forced to retire, apart from injury. That was in London last July, when he was run into the ground by the man who has so often helped him to win a brilliant tactical race. Ken Norris.

A Chris Chataway or a Roger Bannister would have accepted such an event as "unfortunate", and forgotten all about it.

Not Pirie. He hates to admit defeat, let alone failure.

This attitude, inspired simply by devotion to what Pirie feels is his duty, has made him one of the most criticised athletes of all time.

Pirie claims that Britain's Press has not given him a completely square deal. For instance he is regularly asked whether he hopes to break a record or beat "So and So". Pirie's answer has normally been "Yes".

For, as he says, who doesn't go out either to break a record or win. Many have misconstrued these remarks, however, and suggested that Pirie is big-headed.

An individualistic temperament, unconventional and sometimes unpopular opinions have not helped. Like the time he told a public gathering that racing motorist Mike Hawthorn had done more to elevate British prestige than any battalion of National Servicemen. And that at a time when the controversy over Hawthorn and National Service was raging.

ON HIS OWN

For Pirie has long been a man on his own, a man with a purpose. That purpose was the eventual defeat of Zatopek, and the fulfilment of the rigid training schedule set by his German coach, Waldemar Gerschler.

In a day which starts at 7.45 am, and ends with bed at 10 pm, Pirie has time only for eating, his job—he travels for a firm of paint manufacturers—and athletics.

No pictures, dances or fun. Just work, grinding, relentless work which takes him round and round his local track, round and round again, until Pirie is satisfied that he has carried out his monthly correspondence course to the letter.

Has it been worthwhile? Well, Pirie has pulled his way to victories and records in almost every event from the Half-Mile to the Six Miles, and in the field of Cross Country. And now he has beaten the mighty Zatopek.

Perhaps it was not true to say that Pirie has been a man entirely on his own. He has always had the fullest support from his family.

Elder brother Peter is also an athlete, and captain of Pirie's club, South London Harriers. Mum attends to Gordon's diet. Dad, a former Scottish international Cross Country runner, lends moral support.

In 1948, young Pirie and his father carried the Olympic torch through the Surrey countryside on its way to Wembley. No-one who saw them realised that the tall, slim, 17-year-old was to become a British Champion, the most talked about man in British athletics, and conqueror of Emil Zatopek.

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HKABA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association will take place at the Missions to Seamen on Monday at 7 p.m.

The agenda will include the election of office bearers for the 1955-56 season.

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PIRIE BEATS ZATOPEK



Gordon Pirie, the winner, consoles the great Czech runner Zatopek (centre) after he had beaten him in the 10,000 Metres in the athletic match between London and Prague at White City on October 12. The other figure is Ken Norris, who finished second. Zatopek was third.—Central Press Photo.

Bulldozers Tear Up Melbourne Cricket Ground For Olympic Games

By ANTHONY SYME

Within weeks, 16,000 tons of soil from Victoria's Dandenong Ranges will cover some of Australia's most nurtured and most pampered acres as Melbourne Cricket Ground is transformed into the main stadium for the Olympic Games next year.

The famous wickets, which helped to make the names of such batsmen as Donald Bradman, W. H. Ponsford, Alan Kippax, and England's Walter Hammond, have already gone. Bulldozers ripped them into a sticky mess in a few minutes.

For this ground, which saw the first Australian and English teams meet in 1862 and has since been the spiritual home of first-class cricket in Australia, will be the main stadium for the Games. Some 3,000 tons of clinders will replace the 4,000 tons of the black Merri Creek soil which 30 years of top dressing has spread over the 4½ acres playing arena.

This top dressing, with 12,000 tons of original silt and clay,

will be used on Melbourne's suburban parks.

MAIN ARENA

To meet Olympic standards the main arena will be levelled. At present, it has a fall from north to south across the ground.

With its "face-lift" the arena will be lowered four feet at the north end, and raised three feet at the south. A carefully tested grass mixture will be sown, and within 14 weeks there will be green turf. A "weather-proof" drainage system is part of the re-grading project.

Foundations for all the tracks will be laid in the arena. But the tracks themselves, to be topped with a three-inch layer of "En-tout-cas", running surface imported from England, will not be put down until six weeks before the Games. Three inches of loam and turf will cover the foundations until October next year.

After the 1956 final in the Victorian Australian Rules Football is played on the ground, the three-inch protecting surface will come up, and the running surface will go down.

New grandstand accommodation for the Games, already 40 per cent complete, will increase the capacity of the ground to around 120,000, compared with some 80,000 who managed to get in for the recent football final before the gates were locked.

Work on other Olympic sites, only short distances from the main stadium, is ahead of schedule. The steel swimming stadium has been roofed, excavations for the pools themselves begun, and forms into which concrete will be poured for seating are in position.

HOCKEY EVENTS

Olympic Park ovals, to be used by teams for training and for Association football and hockey events, will be completed during the summer. Turf on the hockey ground is well formed, and the building of the grandstand is underway. The 333 metres concrete cycling track will be laid on wooden foundations.

After the Games, the concrete surfacing will come off and a 250-metre board track be built for professional cycling.

At the Olympic Village site, eight miles away in the suburb of Heidelberg, 600 of the proposed 812 houses are well advanced. Paliters are busy on many of them. Large temporary buildings for dining rooms and other offices are going up, and trees have been planted as first instalment of the landscaping.

Contracts have been let for a shopping centre within the village, and for the facade to display the flags of all nations competing in the Games.—China Mail Special.

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TOP STALLIONS SHOULD NOT BE SOLD ABROAD

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

The departure of two young stallions, one of whom was a Derby winner, for America would have been headline news before the war. But when Mr Joe McGrath sold his Derby winner, Arctic Prince, and his Champion Stakes winner, Solar Slipper, recently, the deal passed without comment.

The British racing public has got used to the sale of their old favourites to America, a traffic which has flowed freely ever since the Aga Khan sold three of his Derby winners, Blenheim, Bahram and Mahmoud, during the war.

Mr Joe McGrath bought Nasrullah from the Aga Khan and made a good purchase. When McGrath, in turn, sold Nasrullah to America he made a bad deal, for Nasrullah would have earned far more money than the price received for it, if he had remained at stud in Ireland.

McGrath has built up an enormous turf empire, second only to the Aga Khan in the British Isles. He must not have too much of the same blood in his stud.

His famous sons to date are Panastipper and State Trumpeter. He nearly aired a Derby winner in his second year at stud.

It is too early to judge Arctic Prince as a sire, for he had runners for the first time this season. Prince of Greine is his best son, but Royal Enclosure and Ungava have so far given Arctic Prince no credit.

In fairness to Arctic Prince, his best looking yearlings of last season went to America and so it would be easy to condemn him prematurely.

NO LOSS

At present it does not look as if the British turf will suffer unduly from the loss of Solar Slipper and Arctic Prince.

But other deals are pending and there is no knowing where this export of stallions will stop. Only syndicated sales seem assured of remaining in this country.

Recently an exceptionally lucky owner was trying to justify his decision to sell to America by asking his listeners how he could possibly afford to refuse the deal. Racing, of course, is a business but it is also a sport.

If they are loyal to the turf which provides their pleasure, they should try to ensure that British bloodstock is superior to any in the world.

It is no use asking racecourse executives to sink their profits for several years to help keep the owners going, while at the same time the owners are cashing in on the American market and are not doing their part to help keep racing going.

There are plenty of owners still on the turf today who could help the British thoroughbred. They do not need the money from exporting good stallions.

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Boussac Stable Will Still Be A Big Threat

The great French owner-breeder, Marcel Boussac, won the Eclipse Stakes with Argus in 1953 and the Gold Cup with Elpenor last year. But these victories, important though they were, were so isolated as to infer that the Boussac stud was on the decline.

This happens to every stud but, while the decline is expected, it appeared to come suddenly to the Boussac stud, and within a year or two of reaching the peak of its fame.

This year on the English turf, M. Boussac has been even less successful. At Ascot he won only one small race, with Whiranek.

Halfway through Royal Ascot, English racing men were congratulating themselves that the French were no longer a menace in our big races and that British breeding policy was at last bearing fruit.

Now comes the victory, at Longchamp, of the Boussac filly, Apollonia, who made Alec Head's Midget look very mediocre and it seems that those who forecast the end of the Boussac supremacy on the turf were speaking too soon.

Of all the horses M. Boussac has bred, Apollonia may easily turn out to be the best. Moreover, Charlie Elliott, who is only just getting into his stride as the Boussac trainer, has plenty of other horses in his string likely to play an important part in next year's big three-year-old races.

UNFORTUNATE
This year has been singularly unfortunate for English two-year-olds from the point of view of the weather, and it is to be hoped that trainers have plenty of latent material in their stables.

If we cannot find some better horses for next year's classics, the French are going to sweep the board over here, and once again we shall be looking for solutions to a problem which has been discussed time and again.

The outlook is not rosy for supporters of the British thoroughbred.

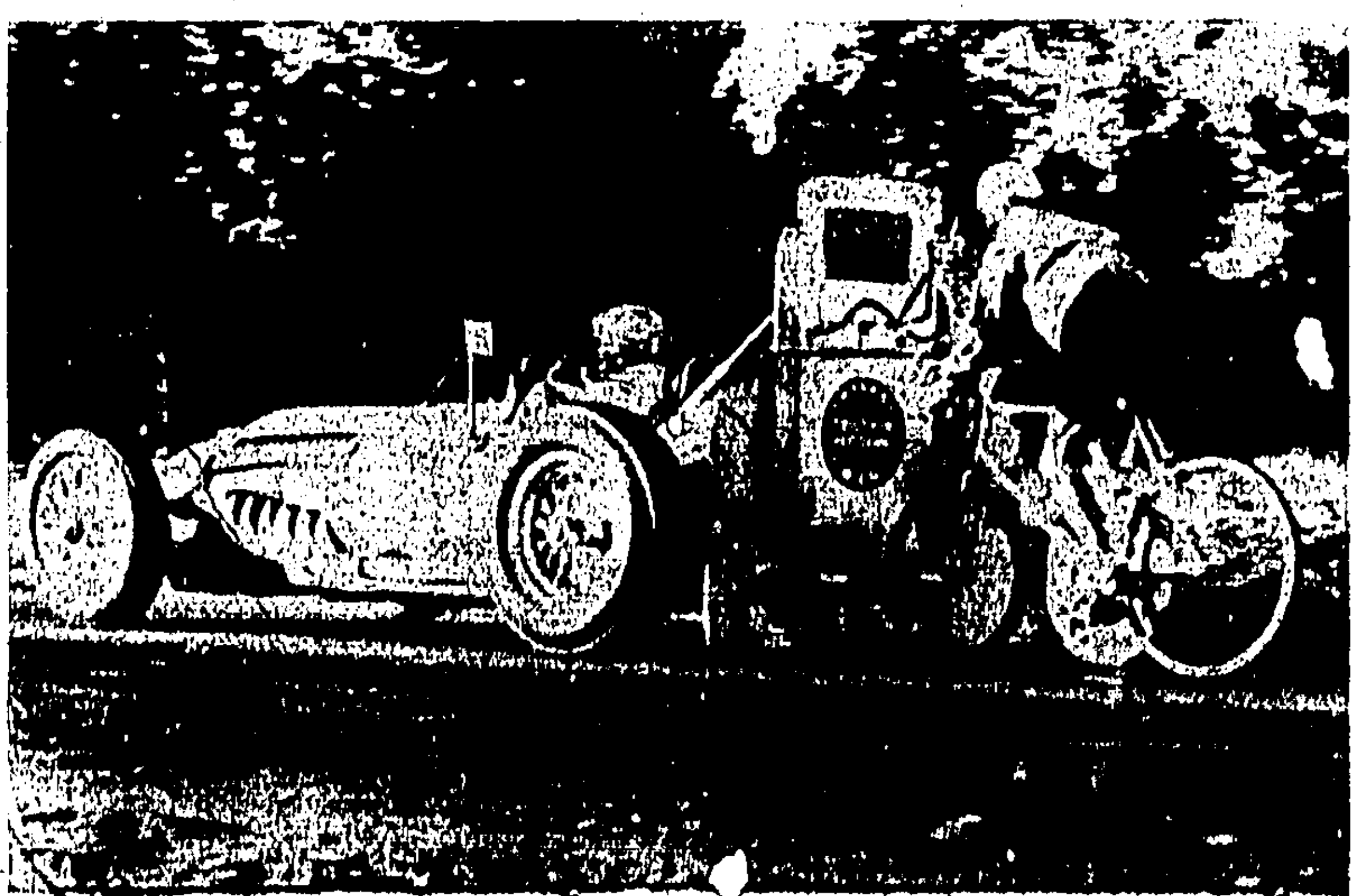
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LONDON WINS

London, Oct. 26. London beat Frankfurt in the Inter-Cities soccer match at Wembley Stadium tonight by three goals to two after Frankfurt had led by their two goals at half-time.—Reuter.

FRENCH CYCLING AC'S NEAR MISS



Idol of the French sporting public, 40-year-old cyclist Jose Meffret is pictured during his recent attempt to break his own bicycle speed record of 109 mph which is also the World record. M. Meffret was paced by a racing car and attained a speed of 100 mph. The record attempt was made on a road between St. Diester and Perthes in the Vosges district of France. — Express Photo.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
1st Division: South China v KMB (Club); Police v Sing Tao (HS). Both matches at 2.30 p.m.
2nd Division: KMB v South China; Kitching v Jardine; CAA v Club (Club). All three games will commence at 2.30 p.m. Police v KMB (HS) at 5.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer
Combined RAAF v East v Combined Chinese (Club) at 2 p.m.

We had both territorial advantage and adequate preparation for the last contest at Wentworth, Surrey, two years ago, and we ought to have won it, instead of losing by one point.

Usually our teams arrive on the US scene only a few days before the match, with insufficient time to acustom themselves to living conditions strange to them.

Of the team I had charge of, at least half suffered from stomach trouble.

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BEST VINTAGE YEAR SINCE WAR 1955 Will Be One Of The 'Greats'

Paris, Oct. 26.

A blazing hot summer has ripened a grape harvest in France this year which, according to the wine-growers, will rival any vintage since World War II for fine wine.

Reports from producers in France and Algeria, an important contributor to the French production, all tell the same story: "An exceptionally high quality grape has been grown. The wine will be first class."

The 1955 vintage will also be stronger as well as of better quality. Most of the grapes are between one and two per cent stronger in alcohol content than those harvested last year.

The bouquet (aroma), sweet-ness, body, colour, and pres-erving power of wine—the qualities which make up a good vintage, as the French call it, a "great year" for wine, depend to a large extent on the weather.

RIGHT CONDITIONS
A cold winter is needed to exterminate ground pests, abundant spring rains to water the ground, and then scorching heat to ripen the grapes, and this year's conditions have been present in exactly the right proportions.

The French grape harvest, traditionally followed by a feast, dancing, and copious free issues of local wine to all who have cut and carried the grapes, continues far into the autumn months.

It starts as early as August 15 on the sun-drenched Algerian plains near the Mediterranean, and often extends into the middle of November on the chilly hill-sides overlooking the Rhine in Alsace, in eastern France.

Here is the overall picture pieced together from the growers' first reports received in Paris by the National Federation of Vinegrowers' Associations.

The 1955 vintage of the Beaujolais light red table wines, grown in the Lyons region, will be "one of the best France has ever had."

In neighbouring Burgundy, growers who bottle Chambertin, Beaune, Chambolle, Volnay, Pommard, the popular Nuits-Saint-Georges, and dozens of other makes say that their produce will be "excellent." The bottles will keep particularly well in store.

WHITE WINES
Most of France's white wines, preferred by many epicures for their delicate flavour, are produced in the Loire Valley—the fertile "Garden of France"—and in Alsace.

The Alsatian wines, Sylvaner, Riesling, Traminer and others, will be of "higher quality than last year."

Perfect weather conditions have had their effect, too, on the banks of the Gironde Estuary in western France, fattening, sweetening and ripening the white and purple grapes which are turned into the wines of Bordeaux, a firm favourite among British wine importers. Wine tasters claim that each acre of these rich lowlands, with its own unique soil conditions, produces a wine with a subtle difference in taste to its next-door neighbour.

In the Sauternes region, home of a sweet white wine, harvesters carefully separate each bunch of grapes, once cut, from those grown on vines only a hundred yards away.

Medoc, Graves, Sauternes, Entre Deux Mers (another heavy sweet wine), and Saint-Emilion are the "King Wines" of the Bordeaux country.

All of them, the growers report, will be of "high quality" this year, and the red wines will be better than the white ones.

QUANTITY LESS
Although the quality of this year's produce will be superior to that of last year, the quantity will be less. This will suit the French government, long plagued by a wine surplus. Total production, according to provisional Ministry of Agriculture estimates, will be about 73,000,000 hectolitres compared with 78,000,000 hectolitres in 1954.

The drop has been caused partly by the ravages of the dry Sirocco wind, droughts, and attacks of mildew in Algeria where the "crop" of heavy red wine will be about 14,000,000 hectolitres instead of the average 10,000,000 hectolitres.

But it is also the result of the government's appeal to wine-growers to pull up their older, less productive plants, and sow other crops instead. Some

farmers have agreed to do this, but many of the tough, independent-minded peasants have refused.

Speakers of the Faure Government said this summer that it was hoped that 150,000 hectares of these poor-quality vines would have been rooted up by 1958. They added that France would turn its request to growers into an order if the figure had not been reached.

Although Frenchmen cherish their national drink, and some is exported, France has had an estimated seven per cent surplus of wine for the last five years. The huge vats, where the wine is stored in the south have remained filled to the brim with the surplus liquid.

CHAMPAGNE

News of this year's fine harvest will delight many an epicure abroad, for wine is one of France's most important exports. West Germany, for example, bought 656,000 hectolitres of French wine last year, but most of it was low grade. Britain and the United States vie with each other to head the export list of the good quality wines.

Champagne is also likely to be of high quality this year. An abundant harvest near Epernay and Reims, the centres of the champagne industry, is expected to result in some 35,000,000 bottles of this wine compared with 30,000,000 bottles last year.

This year's grape juice in the region will give the perfect amount of alcohol, 11.5 degrees, which is just right to keep the future sparkling French champagne light, tasty, and full of kick—China Mail Special.

London UN Youngsters Visit Bloody Tower



A group of youngsters from the Merseyside, England, United Nations Boys Club last week visited the famous Tower of London, popularly called "the Bloody Tower" because of its history of executions. For most of the youngsters, who represented many different nationalities, it was their first trip to the British capital. The boys are shown here beside a cannon belonging to the Tower. They are, from left: Antonio Fayal, 13, of Portugal; Stanley Jenkins, 12, of Africa; Tony Tazewell, 12, of China; Hamish Slagh, 10, of India; Kenzie Ng See, 10, of China; Garry Tam, 12, of China; and Philip Chung, 11, of China. — Express Photo.

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Goa Police Post Attacked

Goa, Oct. 26.
Five Indians stormed the Portuguese police post at Belim last night, killing its chief, wounding his assistant and capturing a policeman. It was reported here today.

The police post is situated on the bank of the River Mandovi.

The attackers fled when a relief police detail appeared on the scene. The Indians swam across the river in darkness, the report said.—United Press.

Argentine Government Attacks Schoolbooks

PERONS CROSSED OUT

Buenos Aires, Oct. 26.

Behind a short announcement by the Ministry of Education that pro-Peronista schoolbooks are to be replaced as soon as possible by others, is a story that touches the lives of seven-year-old Elaine Frances Clark and hundreds of thousands of boys and girls in primary schools in Argentina.

Juan Domingo Peron, the fallen dictator, spent some time in Rome as Military Attache during Mussolini's Fascist regime. How much he learned from what he saw there is difficult to say, but when he came to power as President in his own country in 1946, he lost no time in following the example of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Josef Stalin, in setting out to "catch them young."

He swept away the existing textbooks and replaced them with ones whose sole object was to glorify the new Argentina created by General Peron. For everything that was good, Peron claimed the credit, sometimes with justification, sometimes without.

In his assault on the impressionable minds of the children, he was ably aided and abetted by his blonde actress wife, Evita. Drawings of the dictator and his wife were liberally sprinkled on the pages of schoolbooks. One showed a classroom with a blackboard. On one side of the blackboard was a portrait of Evita and on the other a portrait of Peron looking down benevolently upon the pupils.

school textbooks branched off in a new direction. The workers, carefully nurtured by Peron and his wife, proposed that Evita should be canonised—a proposal to which there was no reaction from the authorities of the Catholic Church.

Peron himself created her "Saint Eva of South America"—and the schoolbooks began to reflect this concept. Evita was depicted looking down from Heaven with an angelic expression on her face. While the accompanying text suggested that "she looked after you on earth and now she is watching over you from above."

Collapsed

The pedestal under Peron—some referred to him even as King Peron—nearly toppled during the revolt in June of this year. It collapsed under him during the successful army uprising in September which sent Peron into exile.

With General Eduardo Lonardi, leader of the uprising, installed as President, a new



For Peron—An "X"

democratic-inspired Government has now decided that the Peronista schoolbooks must be scrapped.

These, said the Ministry of Education announcement, had been written "to laud Peron and to advise and to inculcate totalitarian principles, and thus could only deform the minds of children."

Just after this announcement was made, little Elaine Frances Clark and the other school children in Argentina came into the story.

Frances, as she is called, went to school one day and teacher asked them to bring out their reading books. "Turn up page 12," she said. The children did so. There, on page 12, was a drawing of Peron in a vivid blue suit with black tie and black arm-band, in mourning for Evita. The caption was "Our First Worker."

"Cross out that page," said the teacher—the children did gleefully with red, blue and black pencils.

On another page, teacher told her pupils to cross out a coloured drawing of a placard of Peron being applauded by a crowd of boys and girls. And so the crossing-out process went on.

Forgetfulness

The same thing happened in schools throughout the country. Frances is the daughter of British parents, and she has dual nationality. There are thousands of boys and girls in Argentina like her. They, with hundreds of thousands of purely Argentinian children, will now be led along the path of forgetfulness of Juan Domingo Peron and Evita.

Most parents in Argentina agree that that is good thing—China Mail Special.

COUPLE ROBBED IN STREET

A Chinese married couple walking along Austin Road last night were held up by four Chinese men and robbed of two wrist watches, two finger rings, a fountain pen and \$10.

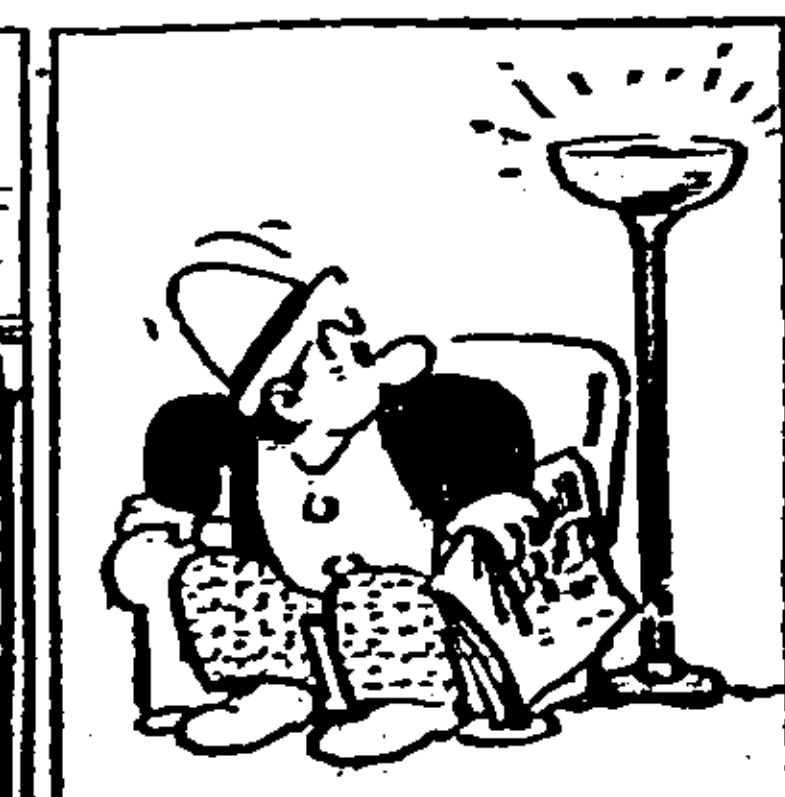
The couple were stopped by the robbers about 20 yards from Chatham Road. Two of the robbers held their victims by putting a gun round their necks and the other two robbers removed their valuables which were worth \$188.

The robbers made good their escape, but Police detectives, under P.C. Mr. Tang, who are making extensive enquiries.

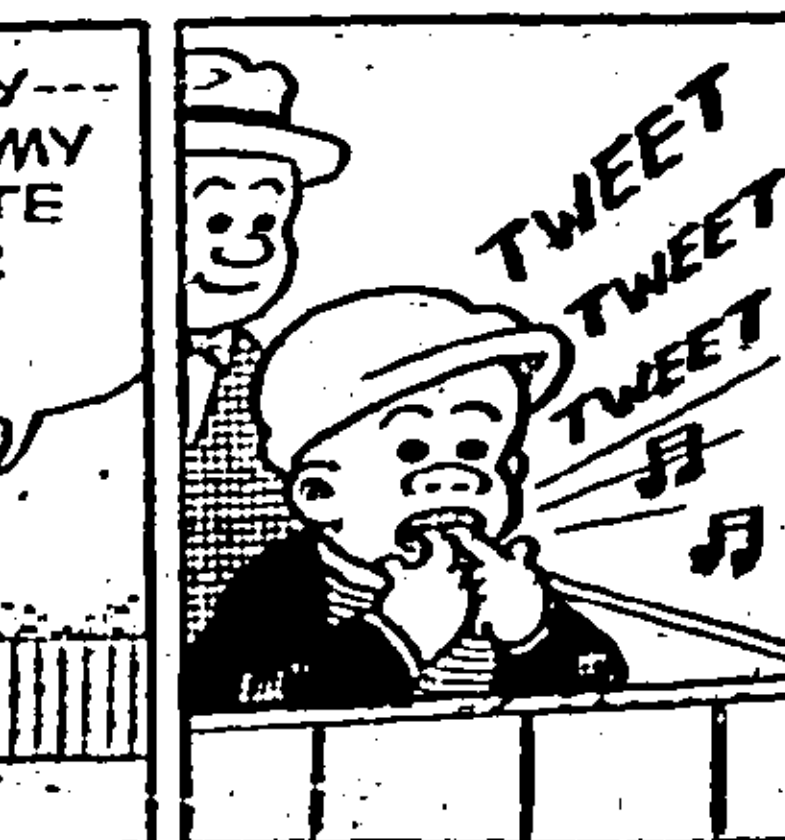
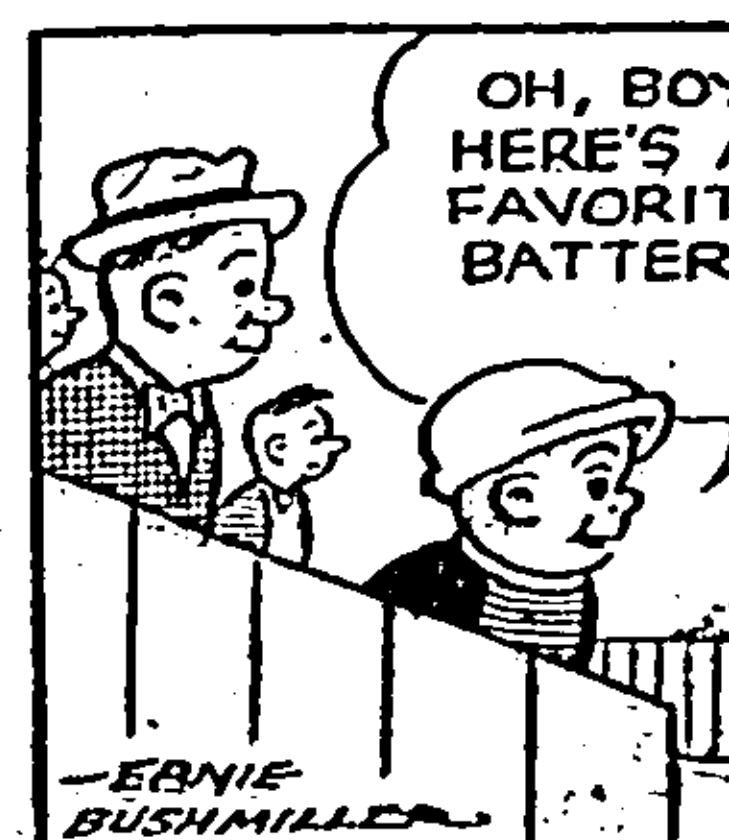
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